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**MDU'S NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION PROGRAMS TO BE SUBJECT
OF PSC'S FIRST VIDEOCONFERENCED HEARING ON AUGUST 3**

The state Public Service Commission will hold hearings in Glasgow on Wednesday, August 3, concerning Montana Dakota Utilities' (MDU) application for approval of its natural gas conservation programs.

The afternoon hearing will begin at 1 p.m., in the Nemont Telephone Building, Highway 2 (east end of city). This hearing will be videoconferenced, with interactive locations at Glasgow (site referenced above), and in Billings at 222 North 32nd, 5th floor, and in Helena at 1084 Helena Avenue. An evening hearing for the convenience of the public will be held on the same day at 7 p.m. at the same Glasgow location. The evening hearing will not be videoconferenced.

The conservation programs proposed by MDU are designed to educate or remind customers regarding energy-saving measures and to provide incentives that will make energy saving measures more cost effective to customers, such as conservation starter kits and high-efficiency appliance incentives. MDU proposes to recover its program costs through a tracking procedure.

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